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SUBJECT: NIGER DECLINES INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN DMI CONFERENCE

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¶1. (SBU) On February 26, Embassy Niamey received Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation diplomatic note number 1322, dated February 25, from its Division of Military Cooperation:

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(complimentary opening)

...and, in reference to the Embassy Diplomatic Note No. 015 dated February 02, 2009, has the honor to request the Embassy to inform the concerned authorities of its country that Niger will not be able attend the conference organized by the United States Africa Command (US AFRICOM).

(complimentary closure)

(End text)

¶2. (SBU/NF) Comment: This decision, to decline AFRICOM's invitation to participate in a Directors of Military Intelligence conference to be held March 23 - 27 in Garmisch, Germany, falls along the lines of the GON decision to limit selectively GON military-to-military cooperation (reftel). This is significant, given Niger's participation in the same event in 2008. This message, voiced through civilian channels, tracks with reftel's communication from the Ministry of National Defense.

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